



## TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

### AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**To:** Town Council

**From:** Matt Hart, Town Manager

**Date:** September 12, 2018

**CC:** Robert Palmer, Director of Plant and Facilities

**Subject:** Resolution (Hart) to Appropriate Energy Rebates for \$90,000 in the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget of the Capital Projects Fund (1258)

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**Background:** In 2016, the Town made a substantial investment in energy conservation to fund the implementation of various energy projects identified in an Investment Grade Audit conducted by the renewable energy company, Ameresco. The completed projects include street lighting, interior and exterior lighting, lighting controls, and building control systems in multiple Town and BOE buildings. The capital budget for these projects has included the planned use of rebates from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund program administered by Eversource. (The Town has been very successful in applying for and receiving these rebates.) Staff conservatively budgeted \$1,480,000 in rebates and we have done better than expected, receiving approximately \$1,571,000 to date or \$90,000 above the budget. Staff is now seeking Council authorization to carry these monies forward to complete additional energy projects.

**Operational Impact:** Adoption of this resolution would allow the Town to complete additional energy conservation projects, including the installation of LED lighting and upgrading building controls.

**Financial Impact:** Town Council adoption of this resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal year 2018/19 budget of the Capital Projects Fund. The resolution calls for a \$90,000 appropriation in miscellaneous reimbursements, with a corresponding appropriation for energy conservation.

**Legal Review:** Corporation Counsel's office has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

**Project Schedule:** If approved, staff would make the expenditures upon adoption of the resolution.

**Recommendation:** In order to carry these grant monies forward to complete additional energy conservation projects, staff recommends Council approval of this resolution.

**Attachments:** See attached resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE ENERGY REBATES FOR \$90,000  
IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET OF THE  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of West Hartford is committed to investing in energy conservation improvements as a part of its overall energy management strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with this commitment, West Hartford has completed numerous projects to conserve energy and reduce utility costs including street lighting, interior and exterior lighting, lighting controls, and building control system upgrade projects in Town of West Hartford and West Hartford Board of Education buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects qualified under the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund program that Eversource administered, enabling West Hartford to apply for energy rebates; and

**WHEREAS**, West Hartford received energy rebates in excess of anticipated reimbursement, in the amount of \$90,000, which it desires to use for additional energy conservation projects including the installation of LED lighting and building control upgrades; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD** that the energy rebates issued by Eversource to West Hartford for \$90,000 are hereby appropriated in the energy conservation capital project account for West Hartford to use for energy conservation projects and the fiscal year 2018-2019 Capital Projects Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

<u>Increase Revenue</u>		
41-811615-80001-9361	Miscellaneous Reimbursements	\$90,000
<u>Increase Appropriation</u>		
41-811615-80001-3091	Energy Conservation	\$90,000

(Hart)  
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